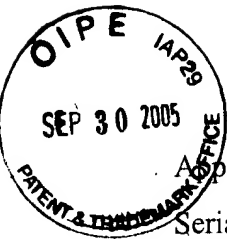


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 31, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for three months with necessary fees. Attached herewith is a Declaration by William Wood, Ph.D. with Exhibit A. Consideration of these attachments is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begins on **page 2** of this paper.

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